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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-22 and substitute therefor, claims 23-42 as follows:

23. (New) A method for generating acknowledgment messages in a data transmission system having a receiver for receiving datagrams and being capable of determining which of a series of datagrams have been incorrectly received, the method comprising generating a plurality of a data units, each data unit comprising:

a status bit indicative of the status of the data unit; and

a plurality of spacing bits together forming a binary representation of a number at least partially indicative of the spacing between one incorrectly received datagram and a succeeding incorrectly received datagram.